

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 724**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

**SOIL TESTING CENTRES**

724. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of soil testing centres are working in the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of beneficiaries of these test centres during the last three years, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. There are 1414 Number of Soil Testing laboratories in the country including Maharashtra. State-wise details of soil testing laboratories along with number of soil health cards issued to farmers during last 3 years in the country are given at Annexure.

**Statement of State-wise Number of Soil Testing Labs in the country.**

Sl. No	State	Number of STLs	Number of soil Health cards issued to farmers (in lakh)		
			2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
<b>I</b>	<b>South Zone</b>				
1	Andhra Pradesh	95	3.21	16.35	27.19
2	Karnataka	65	1.50	0.40	23.37
3	Kerala	28	1.35	0.45	0.84
4	Tamil Nadu	49	34.99	23.42	26.45
5	Puducherry	2	0.01	0	0.002
6.	Telangana	3	0	11.99	13.29
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>41.06</b>	<b>52.61</b>	<b>91.142</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>West Zone</b>				
6	Gujarat	141	11.79	13.66	10.49
7	Madhya Pradesh	63	3.39	12.03	28.96
8	Maharashtra	181	8.86	29.47	56.53
9	Rajasthan	114	3.27	11.14	16.32
10	Chhattisgarh	22	1.16	6.58	17.92
11	Goa	4	0.15	0.19	0.01
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>28.62</b>	<b>73.07</b>	<b>130.23</b>
<b>III</b>	<b>North Zone</b>				
12	Haryana	40	2.36	0.49	3.92
13	Punjab	71	0.74	2.95	2.78
14	Uttarakhand	16	0.68	2.68	2.64
15	Uttar Pradesh	291	32.11	10.15	54.40
16	Himachal Pradesh	21	1.22	1.28	2.77
17	Jammu & Kashmir	24	0.35	0.32	0.76
18	Delhi	1	0.004	0	0.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>37.464</b>	<b>17.87</b>	<b>67.27</b>
<b>IV</b>	<b>East Zone</b>				
19	Bihar	45	2.4	10.07	15.57
20	Jharkhand	8	0.1	0.77	0.91
21	Orissa	33	2.54	6.54	8.21
22	West Bengal	36	0.48	0.91	14.99
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>5.52</b>	<b>18.29</b>	<b>39.68</b>
<b>V</b>	<b>NE Zone</b>				
	Arunachal Pradesh	8	0.078	0.006	0.007
23	Assam	15	0.61	0.11	1.232
24	Manipur	8	0.068	0.01	0.018
25	Meghalaya	6	0.026	0.18	0.217
26	Mizoram	6	0.20	0.003	0.045
27	Nagaland	4	0.14	0.11	0.058
28	Sikkim	6	0.15	0.27	0.000
29	Tripura	8	0.17	0.09	0.415
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1.442</b>	<b>0.779</b>	<b>1.992</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1414</b>	<b>114.10</b>	<b>162.619</b>	<b>330.30</b>

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